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Born in 1986, in Sofia, where she lives and works. In 2010, she graduated in Painting, from the NAA. In 2009, she studied at the Academy of Fine Arts, Erasmus Program, Macerata, Italy.

She produced individual shows in Bulgaria and Italy. In 2015, she won the first prize in a competition organized by the Nuance Gallery. She took the prize for promising young artist of the Edmond Demirdjian Foundation (2012). In 2010, she was awarded for achievement in art and design by the Societe Generale Expressbank and the National Academy of Arts.

In her paintings she recreates and contemplates people in their everyday roles, their transformations and relations, and their connection with nature.

EDUCATION:

2006 – 2010 BA in Painting at the National Academy of Arts in Sofia

2009 Specialization in Painting at the Academy of Fine Arts in Macerata, Italy

2000 – 2005 National High School of Fine Arts "Iliya Petrov", Sofia

SOLO EXHIBITIONS:

2023 Moments and moods, Stubel Gallery, Sofia

2022 Only for fans, "Arosita" and "Depoo" Galleries, Sofia

2022 Personalized Traditions, Gallery Rakursi, Sofia

2019 Spills, Gallery Rakursi

2018 Contemplations in Balchik, Tunnel Gallery SCI CC, The Palace Balchik

2016 I Left All The Places Take Me, Nuance Art Gallery, Sofia

2014 "Sports", Societe Generale Expressbank, Varna

2013 The People, La Tappezzaria d`Arte, Florence, Italy

2012 Before And After, But Not Now!, La Machina di San Cresci, Greve in Chianti (FI), Italy

2005 Painting, Debut Gallery, Sofia

GROUP EXHIBITIONS:

2021 THE PASSING, Kiril Cholakov/ Velislava Gecheva, Zamagni Gallery, curator Milena Becci, Rimini, Italy

2021 "Painting technology in contemporary art", curator Sasho Stoitzov, City Gallery, Blagoevgrad

2021 7 x 5 x 3 Contemporary Bulgarian Painting, Critical Review, curator: Stanislava Nikolova, Shipka 6, Sofia

2021 Feminine Self Portraits, curator: Yuliana Tekova, Stubel Gallery, Sofia

2020 Contemporary Bulgarian Art " Friends Of The Sea", City Art Gallery "Petko Zadgorski", Burgas

2020 XI "Sound and Colour", en plein air by Darik radio, Georgi Baev Gallery, Burgas

2020 Only for fans, "Arosita" and "Depoo" Galleries, Sofia

2019 XX "Sound and Colour" en plein air by Darik radio, Prim Art Center, Burgas

2019 Total Instalation, Projektraum Galerie M, Berlin, Germany

2019 The other body, "Geshov" Gallery, Sofia

2019 Only for fans, "Arosita" and "Depoo" Galleries, Sofia

2019 Life Drawing Exhibition, Gallery "Etud", Sofia

2018 Personalized Traditions, Bulgarian Cultural Institute in London

2018 Personalized Traditions, Gallery Rakursi, Sofia

2018 Staffelschau, Projektraum Galerie M, Berlin, DE, Organised from the NKI Marzahn-Hellersdorf, funded by the district cultural fund Marzahn-Hellersdorf

2017 The First Seven Years, Edmond Demirdjian Foundation Painting Award, curator Daniela Radeva, Contemporary Space, Varna

2016 Instead of a Head of a Poet- U PARK Gallery, curated by Yovo Panchev, Night of Museums and Galleries, Plovdiv

2015 "Sichevo" International Plein Air, Serbia

2015 ATTENTION: WET PAINT- Sofia Art Gallery, Sofia

2015 „Изкуство за промяна“ 1985-2015, куратор: Мария Василева, СГХГ, София

2015 „The Next Step Generation“, млади български автори от колекцията на Уго Вутен музей, сградата на Европейската комисия, Брюксел

2015 Exhibition of the finalists in the competition for contemporary Bulgarian art, Gallery Niuans, Sofia

2014 My Name is Artist –Art Center Hugo Voeten, curator: Vesela Nozharova, Herentals, Belgium

2014 What happened, Exhibition Centre Shipka 6, Sofia

2013 Never-ending Story?-Exhibition Of Young Emerging Artists -Rakursi Gallery, Sofia

2012 Chances. Choices. Changes- National Palace of Culture, Sofia

- 2012** Love-project “Idea for Home”, curator: Maria Vassileva, Raiko Aleksiev Gallery, Sofia
- 2012** Annual Award for Painting of Edmond Demirdjian Foundation- Rakursi Gallery, Sofia
- 2012** Competition Exhibition Allianz Bulgaria- National Award For Painting, Sculpture and Graphics, Shipka 6, Sofia
- 2011** Zona Urban- Union of Bulgarian Artists Gallery, Sofia
- 2011** Exhibition of the Nominees for Essl Art Award CEE 2011, Gallery Academy, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2011** Cyril and Methodius - National competition for young artists, critics, curators, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2011** Transform, international students exhibition, National Gallery for Foreign Art, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2010** Graduation exhibition for Bachelor degree, Art Academy, Shipka 6, Sofia, Bulgaria
- 2009** Erasmus in Arte – Galleria Mironimia, Macerata, Italia
- 2009** Anno Europeo della creativita e innovazione – Antichi Forni, Macerata, Italia

AWARDS:

- 2015** First award from Niuans Art Gallery Competition for Contemporary Art, Sofia
- 2012** The Edmond Demirdjian Foundation Award for Promising Development and Dedication to Art
- 2011** Nomination for Essl Art Award
- 2010** Award for Achievements in Art and Design - Societe Generale Expressbank and National Academy of Art
- 2005** First Award from the National High School of Fine Arts in the competition “Portrait”, Sofia
- 2004 – 2005** A scholarship winner in the National competition of the Ministry of Culture
- 2002** First award from the National competition A generation without drugs
- 2000 – 2001** A schoolarship from the Fondation Raina Kabaivanska

ПУБЛИКАЦИИ:

- 2021** 7 x 5 x 3 , Contemporary Bulgarian Painting, p.08/09
Female Self Portraits, curator: Juliana Tekova
- 2020** Contemporary Bulgarian Art “Friends Of The Sea”
- 2015** Caution: Wet Paint! 33 Young Bulgarian Painters, p.34/35
Art for Change 1985-2015, p.106
mago Mundi, Luciano Benetton Collection, Bulgaria: Save the Dreams Contemporary Artists from Bulgaria, p. 108
- 2012** CHANCES. CHOICES.CHANGES. World Bank Group, p.38
- 2011** Transform exhibition catalogue, p. 133